DEMAND No. 8—IRRIGATION

18. OTHER REVENUE EXPENDITURE FINANCED FROM ORDINARY REVENUE

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 61,09,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955, in respect of 'Other Revenue Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenue".

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sir, I wish to make a brief statement. Sir, it is well-known that it has been the policy of the Mysore Government from the beginning to attach very great importance to irrigation works. Even during the regime of my Hon'ble friend, the Leader of the Opposition, a number of tanks were sanctioned, and top priority has been given to irrigation works. It is my duty to place before this House a summary of the achievement of this Government in the field of irrigation. My statement will be very brief.

In the year 1952-53 in relation to construction of big tanks, 17 works were in progress and the outlay during that year was 18.7 lakhs. During the current year, the number of big tanks in progress is 20 and the budget grant is 18 and odd lakhs, of which 15 lakhs are given as loan from the Government of India. In the year 1952-53, 2,149 works in the category of improvement to river bank and feeder channels were under construction and the actual outlay was 24 lakhs. In the year 1953-54, 1,000 works involving an outlay of 22 lakhs are under progress. In the matter of restoration of minor tanks, as many as 1,028 tanks were under restoration in the year 1952-53 out of which 1,003 were completed and the outlay was 12.53 lakhs. In the year 1953-54 the number of tanks restored was 8,000 with a budget grant of 15 lakhs. In the year 1952-53, 867 minor tanks were taken up for desilting, of which nearly 400 were completed. The outlay on this work was 9.39 lakhs. During the current year 500 works are under progress. The estimated cost may be about five lakhs.

We have made arrangements to supply water during the years 1950-51, and 1951-52 as follows: During the above two years, 3,240 acres of new *atchkat* and 34,145 acres of old *atchkat* have been benefited. During the years 1952-53 and 1953-54, on account of these irrigation works, 21,696 acres of new *atchkat* and 36,267 acres of old *atchkat* have been benefited.

Sir, the aim of this Government is to make Mysore self-sufficient in food within a period of at least five years from now. We will do our best to restore the tanks and channels and to construct new tanks wherever possible and complete the works that are in progress.

Breaching the Binny Mill Tank, Bangalore.

Sri R. ANANTHARAMAN.—I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head '18. Other revenue Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenue' for Rs. 61,09,000 be reduced by Rs. 100/- (to discuss the failure of the Government in the matter of breaching the Binny Mill Tank in spite of repeated representations by the residents of the locality)."

Sir, this is no doubt a local grievance. But it has assumed some importance because it affects the lives of nearly about 20,000 people living in the locality and because the proprietors of the Binny Mills have defied the orders of the Government in not breaching the said tank. Sir, you are aware that on the eastern side of this tank, there are about 500 houses belonging to the Reserve Police establishment and on the other side the employees of the Binny Mills are living. The total population comes to about 20,000. This tank will always be full. The children of the workers sometimes will get themselves drowned in this tank. In addition, sewage water from the Mills flows into this tank which conta-

minates the entire water, making it insanitary for the residents of that locality. Repeated representations have been made by the residents of the locality and also by the Corporation; Government also have many a time promised to get this tank breached. There is no *atchkat* behind this tank. The tank contains nothing but contaminated water and the water is made use of by the mills for purposes of washing. The Mills are provided with enough water supply directly from the Thippagondanahally reservoir; but in spite of that the proprietors of the Binny Mills have not cared to breach this tank. I learn Sir, a few days back that they have issued notice to the Government that they are not agreeable to breaching this tank. It directly belongs to the Revenue Department and I do not know what authority the authorities of the Binny Mills possess to oppose this. I do not know also why the Government are hesitating in spite of representations both from the Corporation and also from the people. It is very necessary to breach this tank because the whole of Chamarajapet is getting affected by the mosquitoes that are bred in this tank. Moreover the water is highly contaminated and not useful for any other purpose. So I request the Government to take immediate steps and see that despite the notice from the Mill authorities, the tank is breached immediately in order to safeguard the health of the people residing in that locality.

With these few words, I move this cut motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Cut motion moved:

"That the demand be reduced by Rs. 100."

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government and Public Health).—Sir, it is true that my friend has rightly pointed out that the tank situated as it is is injurious to the health of the people who are residing very near the tank. The Health Officer and the Commissioner of the Corporation and the Director of Public Health have unanimously agreed that the present tank should be breached in the interest of the health of the people. That tank is a fertile breeding place for mosquitoes and a foul smell emanates from it. They have suggested that the tank should be breached and the entire area properly laid out so that houses may also be built there in course of time if necessary. As my friend Sri Anantaraman has stated, the Director of the Binny Mills has issued a notice to the Chairman of the Trust Board stating that he would file a suit for an injunction restraining him from breaching the tank. There is some correspondence between the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner in this behalf. The Government are keen on breaching this tank and are aware that the health of the people is much more important than the convenience of business interests. Every endeavour will be made to see that the tank is breached as early as possible.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—I request permission to withdraw the cut motion, Sir.

The cut motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Lingappa has two cut motions. He may select one of them and move.

Construction of a pick-up Channel near Doddanakatte Village.

Sri S. M. LINGAPPA (Krishnarajapet).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head '18 Other Revenue expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenue' for Rs. 61,09,000 be reduced by Rs. 100 (to urge the need for constructing a pick-up channel near Doddanakatte village in order to afford relief to raiyats whose lands were submerged in K.R.S.)"

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